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In re Patent Application of)

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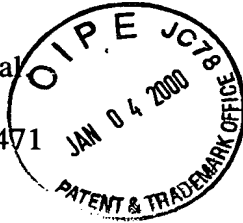
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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed August 4, 1999, Applicants respectfully elect species A, i.e., cytokines IL-6, CNTF, IL-11, OSM, LIF and CT-1. Species A corresponds at least to claims 1-9 and 11.

Applicants understand that the Examiner will expand the scope of the search beyond the species A and consider species B and species C if a generic claim is indeed finally held to be allowable.

Should the Examiner have any questions or helpful suggestions concerning
Applicants' Election of Species, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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